

## Boating Resources Available from the California Department of Boating and Waterways

**T**he State's boating agency, the California Department of Boating and Waterways, is a member of the Clean Boating Network. Part of the vessel registration fees collected by the state and some of the taxes boaters pay on gasoline provide funding for the department, popularly known as "**Cal Boating**."

**Cal Boating** uses these funds to fulfill the twin goals of its mission: to provide convenient public access to the waterways and to make boating safer. As part of this mission, Cal Boating, an environmentally conscious department within the State Resources Agency, administers several environmental programs:

**S.S. Relief** - In the 1972, Cal Boating's Boating Facilities Division came up with the idea of building floating restrooms and setting them on large bodies of water, making it convenient for boaters to use them. Dubbed "S.S. Relief," the idea has spread around the country, helping to prevent pollution of inland waters in other states as well. Grants are available

to public agencies for the purchase and installation of floating restrooms.

**Abandoned Watercraft** - Another Cal Boating program that benefits the environment is the Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Grant Program. Grants are available to public agencies for the removal of abandoned watercraft and substantial navigational hazards from California navigable waterways.



operation, and maintenance of pumpout and dump stations to service recreational vessels. The program has an outreach component which, in the past, has funded environmental mailings to all registered boaters. It continues to

**Clean Vessel Act** - Under this federal act, Cal Boating administers a program to help reduce pollution from vessel sewage discharges into U.S. waters. The grant program established by the act helps fund the construction, renovation,



fund the publication of **Vessel Sewage Pumpout Maps**, as well as the pamphlets, **Clean Boating Habits**, and **Shipshape Sanitation**.

*For more info on Publications, turn to the back page*



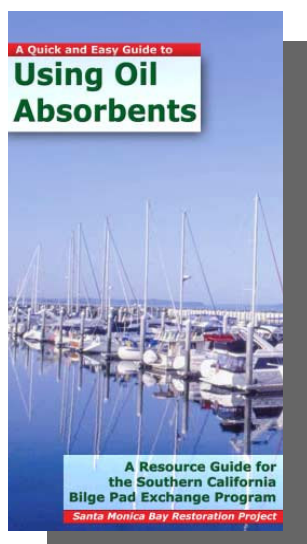
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# Southern California Chapter *Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Ventura & San Bernadino Counties*

## New Absorbent Brochure

*From the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project*



No, the brochure isn't absorbent, but it's chock full of information on what kind of absorbent to use in your bilge.

Not sure what shape, size, or style of absorbent to use in your bilge? The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project's *"A Quick and Easy Guide to Using Oil Absorbents"* will give you quick tips to help you out.

You can get your copy of this brochure at Southern California Bilge Pad Exchange Program locations *along with a free bilge pad!* Check it out at Redondo Beach, Marina del Rey, Big Bear, Avalon, and Port of L.A. marinas.

*Can't wait? Want some to distribute yourself?* Contact Grace Lee at (213) 576-6648 or by email at [glee@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:glee@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov).



## Program Spyglass

The City of Los Angeles  
Certified Exempt Small Quantity Generator  
(CESQG) Program for L.A. County

### *Household Hazardous Waste Program Available to Marinas Operating as Small Businesses*

The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation, Solid Resources Citywide Recycling Division (SRCRD) is announcing its Certified Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) hazardous waste collection program. The program is designed to provide small business owners in L.A. County with a convenient way to dispose of accumulated hazardous waste in a safe, legal, and environmentally responsible manner. The program is based upon the successful Household Hazardous Waste Collection events that have provided similar opportunities to residents of single-family homes and multi-family residential complexes throughout the city. The new CESQG will involve dedicated events for small businesses only and will be held at times and

locations convenient to the typical small business owner.

In order to be eligible for this program, your business must not generate in excess of 220 lbs. or 27 gallons of hazardous waste each month. In addition, you must have or obtain an EPA ID Number that can be provided prior to the collection event. Finally, you must call the Hazardous Waste Hotline at **1-800-98 TOXIC** to make an appointment to drop off your accumulated hazardous waste. A nominal fee of \$1.00/pound of waste may be charged. Marinas may utilize this service as long as they meet the aforementioned requirements and make appointments.

For additional information, please call **1-800-98 TOXIC** or visit [www.larecycles.org](http://www.larecycles.org)





## DESTINATION SERIES

# Have Boat, Will Cruise.

## Marina del Rey



**A**s the largest man-made pleasure craft harbor in the United States, Marina del Rey is the nautical center of Santa Monica Bay.

On a brilliant, sunny day, more than 6,000 yachts, motorboats, sailboats, and cruisers make their home in this busy harbor. The relaxing sea-side landing offers trips on everything from an imitation Mississippi riverboat to a Venetian gondola. Sip champagne and catch glimpses of authentic Chinese Junks, vintage tug boats, and classic house boats. Dining yachts and restaurants line the dockside in the whimsical Fisherman's Village, it's brightly colored painted shacks gathered around a 60-foot lighthouse. For the more adventurous visitors, there is a 21-mile bike path that winds through Los Angeles' popular beaches, including the one of a kind Venice boardwalk. Whether you are cruising the waters, avenues, or bike path, Marina del Rey holds an array of activities for every walk of life.

Due to its generous size, many of the harbor-area's recreational activities are not within walking distance of each other. This poses no problem however, as taxi and bike rental services are readily available to accommodate your transportation needs.

### Getting a guest slip

Guest slips are available and can be obtained by contacting the County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors or any one of the private marinas in Marina del Rey. Slip availability at each marina depends upon its tenant/vacancy rate. Be prepared to show proof of vessel registration and insurance as most facilities require this documentation before a guest slip will be assigned. The Department of Beaches and Harbors maintains a free 4-hour guest dock at Burton Chase Park. Ten slips can accommodate vessels up to 57 feet in length and several end-ties are also available.

### Environmental Services:

#### Bilge Pad Exchange:

Marina Fuels fuel dock provides free oil absorbent pads and used pad recycling for boaters. Just ask the friendly fuel dock staff!

#### Pumpout facilities:

Three pumpout facilities are available to the public. These are located at Burton Chase Park Transient Dock, the launch ramp, and the Marina Fuels dock.



For more information, contact the Marina del Rey Visitors' Center at **(310) 305-9545** upon your arrival or check out these websites:  
[www.co.la.ca.us/beaches](http://www.co.la.ca.us/beaches)  
[www.itlnet.com/marina/index](http://www.itlnet.com/marina/index)  
[www.sailorschoice.com/harbors](http://www.sailorschoice.com/harbors)

## Destination Series

### *Do you know where Lake "Big Water" is?*



Photo Source: <http://www.breweryarts.org/tahoe/eastshore.htm>

The Indian word "tahoe" means "big water" explaining the title of this article. By action of the California State Legislature in 1945, Lake Tahoe became the official name of the Lake.

Lake Tahoe is a masterpiece of nature. Surrounded by mountains, the present day lake sits in a valley at an elevation of 6,229 feet. It is the tenth deepest lake in the world and third deepest lake in North America. Check some of the Lake facts to learn more about it!

The lake holds over 39 trillion gallons of water, enough to cover a flat area the size of California to a depth of 14 inches. If drained, it would take 700 years to refill the lake! Tahoe Basin was formed about 5 to 10 million years ago by the rising and falling of the land due to the shifting of geologic faults.

#### *Did you know that...*

**Lake Tahoe** waters have been losing clarity at an average of about **1 foot** each year since the late 1960's? Loss of clarity is caused by: increased development along shoreline; improperly treated sewage effluent entering the lake; and runoff from fertilizers used on golf courses and lawns. *Department of Environmental Science & Policy, UC Davis, June 2000 and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Summer 1987.*

### Lake Tahoe Facts

Length	22 miles
Width	12 miles
Shoreline	71 miles (CA 42; NV 29 miles)
Capacity	39 trillion gallons of water
Surface Area	193 sq. miles
Depth	Max: 1,645 ft; Av: 989 ft
Surface Temperatures	Max: 68F; Min: 41F
Only Outlet	Truckee River at Tahoe City

The blue color and the clarity of the Lake makes it one of the most popular destinations for boating enthusiasts and other tourists. The reason the lake is so blue is that the thin, clear mountain air allows the lake's pure, crystalline water to reflect the blue sky above. However, the lake's clarity is diminishing as development causes sediments to wash into the lake when slopes are cleared for construction. The Forest Service is to protect the Lake's water quality by implementing programs to purchase environmentally sensitive lands and adopting strict environmental standards. Interagency monitoring programs continually test the impact of human activities on water quality.

## Let's Boat in Lake Tahoe

Lake Tahoe offers every sort of marine service. Boaters should use local oil and sewage services when visiting Lake Tahoe to make their visit more enjoyable and support their clean boating practices.

### **EL DORADO COUNTY (Number of Boats Registered in 2000: 13,350) (T: Only for tenants)**

**Bilge pumpout:** Ski Run Marina (South Lake Tahoe-summer 2003), Tahoe Keys Marina (South Lake Tahoe)

**Absorbent Pad Distribution and Collection:** Lakeside Marina (South Lake Tahoe), Timber Cove Marina (South Lake Tahoe), Tahoe Keys Marina (South Lake Tahoe), Meeks Bay Marina (Tahoma), Fallen Leaf Lake Marina (South Lake Tahoe), City of South Lake Tahoe Boat Ramp, Ski Run Marina (South Lake Tahoe)

**Used Oil Collection:** Timber Cove Marina (South Lake Tahoe), Tahoe Keys Marina (South Lake Tahoe), Ski Run Marina (South Lake Tahoe), Fallen Leaf Lake Marina (South Lake Tahoe)

**Sewage Pumpout:** Tahoe Keys Marina (South Lake Tahoe), Ski Run Marina (South Lake Tahoe), Timber Cove Marina (South Lake Tahoe), Camp Richardson Resort (South Lake Tahoe)

### **PLACER COUNTY (Number of Boats Registered in 2000: 18,716)**

**Bilge Pumpout** Obexer's Boat Company (Homewood)

**Absorbent Pad Distribution and Collection:** Obexer's Boat Company (Homewood), Homewood Marina (Homewood), Sierra Boat Company (Carnelian Bay), North Tahoe Marina (Tahoe Vista) (T), Tahoe City Marina (Tahoe City), Sunnyside Marina (Tahoe City) (T).

**Used Oil Collection:** Obexer's Boat Company (Homewood), North Tahoe Marina (Tahoe Vista) (T), Sunnyside Marina (Tahoe City) (T).

**Sewage Pumpout:** Obexer's Boat Company (Homewood), Tahoe City Marina (Tahoe City), Sierra Boat Company (Carnelian Bay), North Tahoe Marina (Tahoe Vista)

To find environmental services at other marinas in California visit **The Boating Clean and Green Campaign** (<http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/ccbndx.html>) and the **Earth's 911** (<http://www.cleanup.org>) websites.



# News from the Northern Chapter



## NEW! Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program for San Francisco Bay marinas

The San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) has brought on board a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Fellow to work collaboratively with key federal, state, and local agencies, environmental, marina and boating organizations to design, and pilot test a volunteer water quality monitoring program for San Francisco Bay marinas. This program will generate a better understanding of whether and to what extent marina-related nonpoint source pollution is a problem in the Bay, and whether additional programs are warranted to resolve problems. BCDC has convened a task force to guide the monitoring project, and is formulating a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Experts in water quality monitoring interested in serving on the TAC, and those who would like further information should contact Ruby Pap, NOAA Coastal Fellow, [rubyp@bcdca.gov](mailto:rubyp@bcdca.gov), (415) 352-3667.



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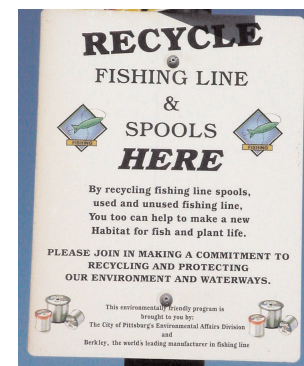
The National Park Service recently designated Aquatic Park in San Francisco as a "No Discharge Zone"

## Pittsburg Boaters Don't get Caught "In Line"

Pittsburg boaters recycle spools and fishing line because the city marina took advantage of a FREE program offered by Berkley Pure Fishing Company. Berkley provides collection bins and ships the filled bins to their recycling center. The marina also offers a beverage container recycling program. Through a grant from the Department of Conservation (DOC), Pittsburg marina installed 4 collection bins in the parking lots, boat launch ramp, and marina office - great locations for boaters because they are convenient. The marina also collects oily bilge waste, used motor oil, and lead-acid batteries. The DOC grant covered installation costs and the City covers the recycling costs.



Over 46,000 pieces of plastic debris float on every square mile of ocean. HELP KEEP OUR DELTA AND BAY CLEAN. BRING BACK YOUR TRASH AND RECYCLABLES.



Photos By: Laura L. Wright, City of Pittsburg Environmental Affairs Division

Here's how your marina can recycle fishing line and beverage containers...

**ACT NOW** to obtain a beverage container recycling grant! The deadline for this year is **November 25th**. The Department of Conservation (DOC) offers grant funding for recycling California Redemption Value beverage containers. Contact the DOC Division of Recycling web-site at: <http://www.consrv.ca.gov/DOR/> or send written inquiries to [Grants@consrv.ca.gov](mailto:Grants@consrv.ca.gov), or Department of Conservation, Division of Recycling, 801 K Street, MS 20-24 (20th Floor), Sacramento, CA 95814-3533.



Gene Lacey of the Pittsburg marina staff feels that "the positive thing (about the recycling) is that boaters are putting it in there and not in the water and the marina is looking cleaner. All the batteries and oil are being brought to us and they're being recycled too."

Signs tell boaters that it is estimated that 46,000 pieces of plastic float on every square mile of ocean, and that abandoned fishing line causes thousands of dollars of damage to boat propellers, and entangles birds, fish and marine mammals. Provided with convenient and free services, and good reasons why, boaters using the Pittsburg marina are keeping Bay and Delta waters clean.

**Berkley fishing line recycling** can be arranged by contacting Berkley Pure Fishing America, 1900 18th St., Spirit Lake, IA 51360-1099, (800) 237-5539, [berkley@purefishing.com](mailto:berkley@purefishing.com). A **Direct Line for Boaters**...boaters who can't find a participating dealer or marina in their area can just send used line or old spools directly to the company.

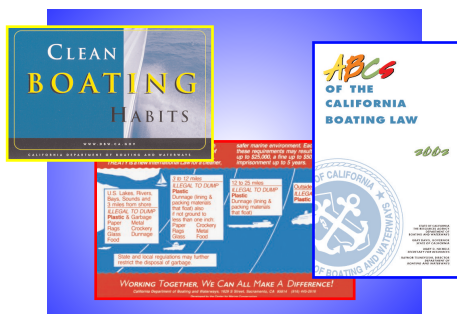
## ***Publications from the California Department of Boating and Waterways***

**H**ere are some other free, boating-related publications provided by Cal Boating:

***Boating Safety and Environmental Hints for Lake Tahoe*** - Provides boating safety information for Lake Tahoe, and how boaters can help minimize the environmental impacts of boating activities. It also includes information about restrictions on the operation of carbureted two-stroke marine engines on Tahoe region lakes.

***Clean Boating Habits*** - A guide to information and practices boaters can use to help protect California's waterways from pollution. It also includes information on foul weather preparation and safety equipment requirements.

***Facts About Marine Pollution*** - Covers State and federal laws governing the disposal of plastic debris and other garbage in the ocean, marine sanitation, and the use of anti-fouling paint.



***Federal Marine Sanitation Device Regulations*** - Explains federal law regarding the use of Marine Sanitary Devices (MSDs) and includes a list of federally designated "no discharge" areas in California.

***Shipshape Sanitation*** - A comprehensive guide on vessel sewage, including information on the pollution problem and the law.

***Vessel Sewage Pumpout Maps*** - Map guides show the location of and contact info for pumpouts in the North Coast and Inland waterways; Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta; San Francisco Bay; Central Coast; and Southern California.

These publications are also viewable/downloadable at:

[www.dbw.ca.gov](http://www.dbw.ca.gov)

Cal Boating publications can be ordered online, at [www2.dbw.ca.gov/onlineorder/onlineorder.htm](http://www2.dbw.ca.gov/onlineorder/onlineorder.htm), or by calling **(888) 326-2822**.



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